(d) The training of officers and staff in the field of Information Technology is a continuous ongoing process. A large number of officer and staff have already been trained in the field of Information Technology and Application softwares developed by the Department for implementation. Another 5000 Group "B' and "C staff members are proposed to be given traimng by the end of March 2002. Remaining 7000. officials are proposed to be trained during 2002-2003. Besides, the training in Operational Softwares such as Oracle RDBMS, Windows NT Operating System etc. are also being conducted. Also in-service training facilities for training in Computers have been setup at NADT Nagpur, Direct Taxes Regional Training Institutes, Training Labs have also been set up at Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai. Self learning Computer Based Training (CBT) material, on CDs has also been developed for use by the officers and staff of the Department.

Black Money

†1562. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the report of the CBI in which it has been stated that the 20 per cent of the GDP is rendering black money; and

(b) if so, the assessment of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The assessment of black money by the CBI is based on the study conducted by the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy on black money in India according to which the size of black money in 1983 had been estimated at 20 per cent of GDP.

No definitely reliable estimates are available with the Government on the amount of black money circulating in the Indian Economy at present.

Tarapore Committee on UTI

1563. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whedier Government have received the report of Tarapore Committee investigating into the irregulations in the functioning of Unit Trust of India;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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